

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOSEPH ANTHONY BROWN,
Petitioner,
v.
B.J. JOHNSON,
Respondent.

1:15-cv-01730-SKO (HC)

**ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA**

B.J. JOHNSON,

Respondent.

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a habeas corpus action pursuant to
28 U.S.C. § 2241

The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on diversity jurisdiction, be brought only in "(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all defendants reside in the same state, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) a judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if there is no district in which the action may otherwise be brought." 28 U.S.C. § 1331(b).

In this case, the petitioner is challenging a conviction from Richmond County, which is in the Eastern District of Virginia. Therefore, the petition should have been filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. In the interest of justice, a federal court may transfer a case filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 1, 2015

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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